

committed acts in the past, you are responsible for those acts. And it does become a duty upon you, if you have those records, to vindicate yourself, and you do that through your actions and through the passage of time. And this isn't, to me, a background check for a hunt. I wish there was another way. I wish there was a better way to know that everybody we deal with in the world is good people, that they have no risk, they have no baggage with them, but there isn't. And, quite frankly, those individual rights collide sometimes with the whole interest of society, and to me, it is a matter of being responsible for your actions. And if those actions are recorded in our system and through our society and you do have to live with your past acts, there are ways to expunge those records and there is also a way that you vindicate yourself, and that is through your own actions in the future. With that, I would now become comfortable with LB 522. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Before we go to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of Senator Bohlke. They are Dr. Robert Sheelocks (phonetic), psychology and the law class of 30 students from Hastings College. They are in the south balcony. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. The next speaker, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I hadn't intended to speak on the bill. I was somewhat impressed by Senator Bernard-Stevens' arguments relative to the rights of the individual, and I have used that argument on this floor from time to time in the years past. Sometimes we use it in the context which seems to be perhaps inconsistent with the directives and goals of government. But I have to say that I am a little bit concerned. I most certainly agree with the goals of Senator Chizek and those individuals who would protect the children. My concern, also, goes beyond that time of the day when the children are exposed, of course, to teachers. I would guess, would you include also the administrative personnel of a school? Would you include members of a school board? The president of a school board not too far from here was convicted of abuse of a small or a young lady underage, a minor, yet I do not believe that this bill would protect an individual like that from the president of a school board. I am a great believer in treating everyone alike, and I can tell you that it has bothered me considerably to discover that individuals who are involved with children in many areas outside of schools, outside of